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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting in Synsam AB (publ)**

**The shareholders in Synsam AB (publ), reg. no. 556946-3358, are hereby given notice to attend the annual general meeting to be held Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (CEST) at Space Arena, Sergelgatan 2 in Stockholm, Sweden. Registration for the general meeting commences at 10:15 a.m. (CEST).**

*Shareholders who do not wish to attend the annual general meeting, or who are unable to do so, will also have the opportunity to exercise their voting rights at the general meeting through postal voting. For more information about the postal voting procedure, please refer to "Postal voting" below.*

### **Participation**

A shareholder who wishes to exercise its voting right at the general meeting shall:

(A) be entered as a shareholder in the share register kept by Euroclear Sweden AB as of the record date Thursday, 14 April 2022; *and*

(B) have given notice of attendance at the general meeting no later than Wednesday, 20 April 2022 in one of the following ways:

- electronically through verification with BankID on Euroclear Sweden AB's website <https://anmalan.vpc.se/EuroclearProxy>;
- by post to Synsam AB, "Annual General Meeting 2022", c/o Euroclear Sweden AB, P.O. box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden;
- by telephone to +46 8-402 90 79; or
- by casting a postal vote in accordance with the instructions included under "*Postal voting*" below.

The notice of attendance shall include the full name, address, daytime telephone number, personal identification number or company registration number, shareholding and information about proxies and/or assistants, if any.

### **Nominee registered shares**

In order to be entitled to participate at the general meeting, shareholders who have had their shares registered in the name of a nominee through a bank or other nominee must register the shares in their own names so that they are entered in the share register kept by Euroclear Sweden AB as of the record date, Thursday, 14 April 2022 (so-called "voting right registration"). Such voting right registration, which is temporary, must be duly effectuated with Euroclear Sweden AB no later than Wednesday, 20 April 2022, which means that the shareholder must request its nominee to effectuate the voting right registration well in advance of said date.

### **Proxies etc.**

Shareholders who are represented by a proxy shall issue a written and dated power of attorney for the proxy or, should the right to vote for the shareholder's shares be divided among different proxies, the proxies, together with information on the number of shares each

proxy is entitled to vote for. The power of attorney may not have been issued earlier than one year prior to the date of the general meeting, unless it is stated in the power of attorney that it is valid for a longer period (however maximum five years). If the power of attorney is issued by a legal entity, the power of attorney shall be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of registration or equivalent documentation of authority, evidencing the authority to represent the legal entity. To facilitate entry to the general meeting, the power of attorney in original (or a copy of the power of attorney) and, if applicable, a certificate of registration should be sent to Synsam AB, "Annual General Meeting 2022", c/o Euroclear Sweden AB, P.O. box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden well in advance of the general meeting. If a copy of the power of attorney has been sent, the power of attorney shall also be presented in original at the general meeting. A power of attorney form is available on the company's website, [www.synsamgroup.com](http://www.synsamgroup.com), and will be sent free of charge to shareholders who so request and provide their postal address.

### **Postal voting**

The board of directors of the company has, in accordance with Section 4 of the Act (2022:121) on Temporary Exceptions to Facilitate the Execution of General Meetings in Companies and Other Associations (Sw. *lagen (2022:121) om tillfälliga undantag för att underlätta genomförandet av bolags- och föreningsstämmor*), resolved that shareholders shall be able to exercise their voting rights at the annual general meeting through postal voting. A specific form which has been prepared by the company shall be used for postal voting, which form is available on the company's website, [www.synsamgroup.com](http://www.synsamgroup.com). The postal voting form will also be sent free of charge to shareholders who so request and provide their postal address. To exercise its voting right through postal voting, a shareholder shall submit its postal vote in one of the following ways, so that the postal vote has been received by Euroclear Sweden AB no later than Wednesday, 20 April 2022:

- Electronic voting: Postal voting can be made electronically through verification with BankID via Euroclear Sweden AB's website <https://anmalan.vpc.se/EuroclearProxy>.
- Voting by e-mail: Postal voting can be made by filling out the form for postal voting made available by the company and submitting the filled out form, together with any supplementing documentation, by e-mail to: [GeneralMeetingService@euroclear.com](mailto:GeneralMeetingService@euroclear.com).
- Voting by post: Postal voting can be made by filling out the form for postal voting made available by the company and submitting the filled out form, together with any supplementing documentation, by post to the following address: Synsam AB, "Annual General Meeting 2022", c/o Euroclear Sweden, P.O. box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden.

The casting of a postal vote is valid as notice of attendance at the annual general meeting. If a shareholder casting the postal vote is a legal entity, the postal voting form shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the certificate of registration or equivalent documentation of authority, evidencing the authority to represent the legal entity. Furthermore, if the shareholder casts the postal vote through a proxy, a power of attorney must be appended (for more information, refer to "Proxies etc." above). A shareholder may not provide the postal vote with special instructions or conditions. If so, the entire postal vote will be deemed invalid.

Further instructions and conditions are included in the postal voting form and on Euroclear Sweden AB's website, <https://anmalan.vpc.se/EuroclearProxy>. For questions about the postal voting procedure, Euroclear Sweden AB can be contacted on +46 8-402 90 79 (Monday-Friday, 09:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (CET)).

### **Proposed agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and election of chairman of the meeting;
2. Preparation and approval of the voting list;
3. Approval of the agenda;

4. Election of one or two persons to verify the minutes;
5. Determination of whether the meeting was duly convened;
6. Presentation of the annual report and auditor's report and the consolidated financial statements and auditor's report for the group;
7. Resolutions regarding:
  - a. adoption of the income statement and balance sheet and the consolidated income statement and consolidated balance sheet;
  - b. allocation of the company's profit according to the adopted balance sheet; and
  - c. discharge from liability for board members and the CEO;
8. Determination of fees for the board of directors and the auditors;
  - a. Determination of fees to the chairman of the board of directors and other board members;
  - b. Determination of fees for work on the committees of the board of directors;
  - c. Determination of fees to the auditors;
9. Election of the board of directors and audit firm or auditors;
  - a. Determination of number of board members to be elected by the annual general meeting;
  - b. Determination of number of auditors or auditing firm to be elected by the annual general meeting;
  - c. Election of board members;
  - d. Election of chairman of the board of directors;
  - e. Election of audit firm or auditors;
10. Presentation of and resolution regarding the remuneration report;
11. Resolution regarding an authorization for the board of directors to resolve upon issues of shares and/or warrants and/or convertibles;
12. Resolution regarding an authorization for the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions and transfers of own shares;
13. Resolution regarding a long-term incentive program (LTIP 2022) for the company's group management and other selected key individuals in accordance with A. and hedging arrangements in respect thereof in accordance with B. or C.;
14. Closing of the meeting.

### **The nomination committee's resolution proposals**

The nomination committee of the company consists of the following members:

- Tomas Ekman, chairman of the nomination committee and appointed by CVC/Theia Holdings;
- Henrik Söderberg, appointed by C WorldWide Asset Management;
- Karin Eliasson, appointed by Handelsbanken Fonder;
- Lovisa Runge, appointed by the Fourth Swedish National Pension Fund (Sw. *Fjärde AP-fonden*); and
- Peter Törnquist, chairman of the board of directors.

The nomination committee has presented the following resolution proposals under items 1 and 8–9 on the proposed agenda for the general meeting.

### **Election of chairman of the meeting (item 1)**

The nomination committee proposes that Peter Törnquist is elected as chairman of the meeting.

## **Determination of fees for the board of directors and the auditors (item 8)**

### *Fees for the members of the board of directors and its committees*

The nomination committee proposes that, for the period until the end of the next annual general meeting, fees payable to the board of directors shall amount to SEK 650 thousand for the chairman of the board of directors and SEK 300 thousand to each of the other board members who are elected by the general meeting and who are not employed within the group. Furthermore, the nomination committee proposes that fees payable for work on the audit committee of the board of directors shall amount to SEK 150 thousand for the chairman of the nomination committee and SEK 100 thousand for each of the other members, and that fees payable for work on the remuneration committee of the board of directors shall amount to SEK 100 thousand for the chairman of the remuneration committee and SEK 50 thousand for each of the other members. The proposed board members Gustaf Martin-Löf, Philip Røpcke and Christoffer Sjøqvist, who all are employed by CVC has, as previously, declined any fees for board and committee work.

The fees proposed by the nomination committee are unchanged in relation to the annual fees which were resolved upon at the annual general meeting 2021 and which are in force since the listing of the company. Overall, the fees proposed by the nomination committee amount to total annual fees of SEK 2.25 million for work on the board of directors and its committees, provided that the composition of the committees does not change.

### *Fees for the auditor*

The nomination committee proposes that fees to the auditor shall be paid in accordance with approved invoices according to customary billing standards.

## **Election of the board of directors and audit firm or auditors (item 9)**

### *Determination of the number of board members*

The board of directors of the company is currently comprised of nine ordinary board members without deputy board members. The nomination committee proposes that the board of directors of the company shall, for the period until the end of the next annual general meeting, continue to be comprised of nine ordinary board members without deputy members.

### *Determination of the number of auditors*

The company currently has a registered audit firm as auditor. The nomination committee proposes that the company shall continue to have a registered audit firm as auditor.

### *Election of board members*

The board of directors of the company currently consists of the members Peter Törnquist (chairman), Kenneth Bengtsson, Ann Hellenius, Helena Johnson, Terje List, Håkan Lundstedt, Gustaf Martin-Löf, Philip Røpcke and Christoffer Sjøqvist, who have all been elected by the general meeting. The nomination committee proposes, for the period until the end of the next annual general meeting, re-election of all board members. Furthermore, the nomination committee proposes re-election of Peter Törnquist as chairman of the board of directors.

Information about the proposed board members is available on the company's website, <https://www.synsamgroup.com/en/corporate-governance/board-of-directors/>.

### *Election of auditor or audit firm*

The nomination committee proposes, for the period until the end of the next annual general meeting and in accordance with the audit committee's recommendation, re-election of the registered audit firm KPMG AB as auditor of the company. If KPMG AB is elected as auditor, KPMG has informed that the chartered accountant Joakim Thilstedt will continue as auditor-in-charge.

## **The board of directors' resolution proposals**

### **Resolution regarding allocation of the company's profits according to the adopted balance sheet (item 7b)**

The board of directors proposes that the company's distributable profits of approximately SEK 4,278 million is disposed so that a total of SEK 255 million, corresponding to SEK 1.70 per share, is distributed as dividend to the shareholders and that the remaining distributable profit, approximately SEK 4,023 million, is carried forward. The dividend is proposed to be distributed at one occasion. The record date to be entitled to the dividend is proposed to be Thursday, 28 April 2022 and the payment, which will be made through the agency of Euroclear Sweden AB, is expected to take place on Tuesday, 3 May 2022.

### **Resolution regarding an authorization for the board of directors to resolve upon issues of shares and/or warrants and/or convertibles (item 11)**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting authorizes the board of directors to, on one or more occasions before the next annual general meeting, with or without deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, resolve to issue shares and/or warrants and/or convertibles. As regards issues of shares and/or warrants and/or convertibles with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, the total number of shares that may be issued through new share issues, and/or through the conversion of convertibles and/or exercise of warrants which have been issued by exercise of the authorization, may not result in an increase in the share capital by such amount which would result in a dilution of more than 10 per cent of the company's share capital as of the date of the annual general meeting.

New issues resolved by exercise of the authorization may be made with or without stipulation regarding non-cash consideration, set-off or other conditions referred to in Chapter 13, Section 5, first paragraph, item 6, Chapter 14, Section 5, first paragraph, item 6, or Chapter 15, Section 5, first paragraph, item 4 of the Swedish Companies Act (Sw. *aktiebolagslagen (2005:551)*).

The objective of the authorization is to enable payment in full or in part through the issue of financial instruments in connection with any potential acquisition of companies, operations or assets which the company may carry out, to provide the board of directors with flexibility in its work to ensure that the company can procure financing for the operations in an appropriate manner, and to enable a broadening of the company's shareholder base.

The board of directors, the chairman of the board of directors, or any person appointed by either of them, shall have the right to make such minor adjustments to the resolution as may be required in connection with the registration of the resolution with the Swedish Companies Registration Office (Sw. *Bolagsverket*).

A valid resolution requires that this proposal is supported by shareholders representing at least two-thirds of the votes cast as well as of the shares represented at the meeting.

### **Resolution regarding an authorization for board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions and transfers of own shares (item 12)**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves to authorize the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions of own shares in accordance with the following main terms and conditions:

1. Acquisitions of shares may be made only on Nasdaq Stockholm.
2. The authorization may be exercised on one or more occasions before the next annual general meeting.
3. The company may not repurchase more than such number of shares which entails that the total number of own shares held by the company at any given time exceeds 10 per cent of the total number of shares in the company.

4. Repurchases of the company's own shares on Nasdaq Stockholm may only be made at a price within the range between the highest bid price and lowest ask price at any given time.
5. Payment for the shares shall be made in cash.

Furthermore, the board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves to authorize the board of directors to resolve upon transfers own shares in accordance with the following main terms and conditions:

1. Transfers of shares may be made on Nasdaq Stockholm, or outside of Nasdaq Stockholm in connection with acquisitions of companies, operations or assets.
2. Transfers of shares may be made with or without deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights.
3. The authorization may be exercised on one or more occasions before the next annual general meeting.
4. The number of shares transferred may not exceed the total number of shares held by the company at the time of the resolution on the transfer.
5. Transfers of shares on Nasdaq Stockholm may only be made at a price within the range of the prevailing highest bid price and lowest ask price. For transfers outside of Nasdaq Stockholm, the price shall be set so that the transfer is made on market terms.
6. Payment for transferred shares may be made by payment in cash, through in-kind payment, or through set-off against claims against the company.

The purpose of the proposal to authorize the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions and transfers of own shares is to provide the board of directors with greater possibilities to adapt the capital structure of the company and thereby contribute to increased shareholder value, as well as to enable the use of own shares in connection with, or by reason of, potential acquisitions of companies, operations or assets that the company may come to carry out.

The company does not hold any own shares as per the date of this proposal.

The board of directors shall have the right to decide on remaining terms and conditions for acquisitions and transfers of own shares in accordance with its authorization.

A valid resolution requires that this proposal is supported by shareholders representing at least two-thirds of the votes cast as well as of the shares represented at the meeting.

**Resolution regarding a long-term incentive program (LTIP 2022) for the company's group management and other selected key individuals in accordance with A. and hedging arrangements in respect thereof in accordance with B. or C. (item 13)**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves on the implementation of a long-term incentive program (the "**LTIP 2022**"), which provides an opportunity for the members of the company's group management and other selected key individuals to build a shareholding in Synsam.

Background and motives

The overall purpose of LTIP 2022 is to establish conditions to recruit and maintain competent staff in the Synsam group, to increase the motivation of the staff as well as to increase the community of interest between the employees and the company's shareholders. The board of directors finds that it is in the interest of all shareholders that the company's senior executives and other key individuals have a long-term interest in a positive price development of the shares in the company. A long-term ownership is also expected to stimulate an increased interest for the business and the earnings trend as a whole, and is expected to increase the motivation for the participants in LTIP 2022.

The board of directors is of the opinion that recurring long-term incentive programs form an important part of Synsam's total remuneration package and the board of directors therefore

intends to propose long-term share-related incentive programs annually, for the general meeting's approval.

#### Majority requirements, etc.

The general meeting's resolution on the implementation of LTIP 2022 in accordance with item A. below is conditional upon the general meeting resolving in accordance with one of the board of directors' proposals for hedging arrangements by reason of LTIP 2022, i.e. in accordance with the board of directors' proposals pursuant to item B. or item C. below.

A valid resolution in accordance with the proposal under item A. below requires that the resolution is supported by shareholders representing a majority of the votes cast. A valid resolution in accordance with the proposal under item B. below requires that the resolution is supported by shareholders representing at least nine-tenths of the votes cast as well as of the shares represented at the meeting. A valid resolution under item C. below requires that the resolution is supported by shareholders representing a majority of the votes cast.

### **A. Implementation of LTIP 2022**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves to implement LTIP 2022 in accordance with the main terms and conditions set out below.

#### Participants in LTIP 2022

LTIP 2022 is proposed to be directed to a total of not more than 80 individuals divided between three categories: one category consisting of members of the company's group management, including the CEO (approximately 20 individuals) ("**Group A1**"), one category consisting of selected key individuals with extensive responsibilities within important areas/functions or who otherwise have significant impact on the growth or profitability of the Synsam group ("**Group A2**") and one category consisting of other selected key individuals who have impact on the success of the Synsam group ("**Group A3**"). The background for the division between different categories is that the participants' rights to allotment of Performance Share Awards (as defined below) and Performance Shares (as defined below) within the frame of LTIP 2022 has been differentiated with reference to, *inter alia*, position, responsibility and work performance.

A limited number of individuals who work for the Synsam group on a consultancy basis may be offered to participate in LTIP 2022.

The individuals included in Group A1, A2 and A3 as set out above (including consultants, as applicable) are hereinafter referred to as "**Employees**".

#### Preconditions for participation in LTIP 2022

Participation in LTIP 2022 is conditional upon that Employees make own investments in shares in Synsam over Nasdaq Stockholm and/or that Employees hold shares in Synsam since before (the "**Investment Shares**") and that the Investment Shares are allocated to LTIP 2022.

In order to participate in LTIP 2022, each Employee in Group A1 must allocate 3,125 Investment Shares to LTIP 2022 (corresponding to Investment Shares at a total value of approximately SEK 200 thousand per individual, calculated on the basis of the volume-weighted average price for the Synsam share on Nasdaq Stockholm during the period 7–11 March 2022, SEK 64.01).

As regards Employees in Group A2 and A3 who has or will receive variable cash remuneration based on the fulfillment of performance targets for 2021, each individual must allocate Investment Shares to LTIP 2022 at a value corresponding to 25 per cent of the Employee's variable remuneration for 2021. As regards Employees in Group A2 and A3 who, for some

reason (e.g. new employment), has *not* received, and nor will receive, variable cash remuneration based on the fulfillment of performance targets for 2021, each individual must allocate Investment Shares to LTIP 2022 at a value corresponding to 5 per cent of the Employee's current fixed salary (gross amount before tax). Calculations of the number of Investment Shares that must be allocated to LTIP 2022 shall be made on the basis of the volume-weighted average price of the Synsam share on Nasdaq Stockholm during the period 7–11 March 2022. The thereby calculated number of shares shall be rounded off to the nearest even hundred shares.

#### Performance Share Awards and Performance Shares

Each participant in LTIP 2022 will be granted a performance share award ("**Performance Share Award**") free of charge, which gives the participant the right to receive a number of shares in Synsam ("**Performance Shares**") free of charge, from Synsam or from a designated third party, subject to fulfilment of the conditions for receiving Performance Shares. The Performance Share Awards shall not constitute securities and are not transferable.

Performance Shares will be granted after the end of a vesting period of approximately two years, which will commence on the date during the second quarter in 2022 as is resolved by the board of directors of Synsam and end on the date of publication of Synsam's interim report for the first quarter of 2024 (the "**Vesting Period**"). The granting of Performance Share Awards may take place on one or more occasions until and including 30 November 2022.

The maximum number of Performance Shares that each participant in Group A1 shall be entitled to receive will be determined prior to the allotment of Performance Shares in 2022, and the value of such maximum number of Performance Shares will correspond to approximately 50 per cent of the participant's fixed annual salary (gross amount before tax, and with reservation for re-calculations in accordance with what is set out under "*Re-calculation*" below). Calculations of the maximum number of Performance Shares that may be granted to each participant shall be made on the basis of the volume-weighted average price of the Synsam share on Nasdaq Stockholm during the period 7–11 March 2022.

Each participant in Group A2 may be entitled to receive a maximum of 9,400 Performance Shares and each participant in Group A3 may be entitled to receive a maximum of 5,600 Performance Shares (with reservation for re-calculation in accordance with what is set out under "*Re-calculation*" below).

Performance Shares may only be granted when the Vesting Period has ended, unless special reasons apply and the board of directors resolves otherwise on a case-by-case basis. The extent (if any) to which a participant's Performance Share Award will entitle to the grant of Performance Shares will be determined on the basis of the degree of fulfillment of the performance conditions that are described under "*Performance conditions*" below. Furthermore, the allotment of Performance Shares is conditional upon that the participant has retained the Investment Shares that have been allocated to LTIP 2022 until the end of the Vesting Period and, with certain specific exceptions (*inter alia* as regards consultants), that the participant has been permanently employed (*Sw. fast anställd*) within the Synsam group during the entire Vesting Period. As regards consultants, they shall instead have continued their consultancy engagements for the Synsam group during the entire Vesting Period. Divestments of Investment Shares prior to the end of the Vesting Period will generally lead to that no Performance Shares are allotted.

#### Performance conditions

The extent (if any) to which a participant's Performance Share Award will entitle to the grant of Performance Shares after the end of the Vesting Period will be determined on the basis of

the degree of fulfillment of the performance conditions that are described below. The below description also sets out the percental weighting between the different performance condition categories. The outcome for each performance condition category will be determined separately, which *inter alia* means that the minimum levels for allotment within all three performance condition categories do not need to be fulfilled in order for Performance Shares to be granted.

#### *Organic growth*

Of the total number of Performance Shares that may be granted, 40 per cent will be dependent on that the organic growth in directly owned stores at group level ("**Organic Growth**") reaches certain target levels determined by the board of directors for the financial years 2022 and 2023, respectively (whereby the change shall be measured annually through a comparison against the immediately preceding financial year).

The board of directors will determine a minimum level and a maximum level for target fulfillment in respect of Organic Growth. If the minimum level is reached for one financial year during the measurement period, allotment shall be made of 10 per cent of the total number of Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to Organic Growth, and if the maximum level is reached for a financial year during the measurement period, allotment shall be made of 50 per cent of the Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to Organic Growth. Between the minimum and maximum levels, allotment of Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to Organic Growth shall be proportioned linearly. Fulfilment of a given target level for one financial year shall entitle to allotment of Performance Shares for that financial year, even if the minimum level for allotment is not reached for the other financial year during the measurement period. If the average increase in Organic Growth during the two financial years during the measurement period (calculated as an arithmetic average) gives a better outcome than measurement annually, allotment of Performance Shares shall however be made based on the average increase (which *inter alia* entails that it will be possible to receive the maximum possible allotment of Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to Organic Growth even if the minimum level for allotment has not been reached for one of the financial years during the measurement period, provided that the average increase in Organic Growth during the two financial years reaches or exceeds the determined maximum level).

#### *Adjusted EBITDA*

Of the total number of Performance Shares that may be granted, 40 per cent will be dependent on that the adjusted EBITDA at group level ("**Adjusted EBITDA**") reaches certain target levels determined by the board of directors during the financial years 2022 and 2023.

The board of directors will determine a minimum level and a maximum level for target fulfillment in respect of Adjusted EBITDA. If the minimum level is reached for one financial year during the measurement period, allotment shall be made of 10 per cent of the total number of Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to Adjusted EBITDA, and if the maximum level is reached for one financial year during the measurement period, allotment shall be made of 50 per cent of the Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to the Adjusted EBITDA. Between the minimum and maximum levels, allotment of Performance Shares dependent on the condition connected to the Adjusted EBITDA shall be proportioned linearly. Fulfilment of a given target level for one financial year shall entitle to allotment of Performance Shares for that financial year, even if the minimum level for allotment is not reached for the other financial year during the measurement period. If the average Adjusted EBITDA during the two financial years during the measurement period gives a better outcome than measurement annually, allotment of Performance Shares shall however be based on the average outcome (which *inter alia* entails that it will be possible to receive the maximum possible allotment of Performance Shares dependent on the condition

connected to Adjusted EBITDA even if the annual minimum level for allotment has not been reached for one of the financial years during the measurement period, provided that the average outcome in Adjusted EBITDA during the two financial years reaches or exceeds the average maximum level for the two financial years during the measurement period).

#### *Relative TSR development*

Of the total number of Performance Shares that may be granted, 20 per cent will be dependent on the relative development in total shareholder return ("**TSR**") for Synsam's shareholders during the Vesting Period, compared to the corresponding TSR development for shareholders in other companies that form part of a group which has been predefined by the board of directors and which consists of ten Swedish and foreign comparable companies (together with Synsam, the "**Reference Group**")<sup>1</sup>. The calculation of TSR development for the companies in the Reference Group during the Vesting Period shall be based on a comparison between the volume-weighted average share prices during March 2022 and the volume-weighted average share prices during March 2024 (adjusted for dividends, if any, during the measurement period).

If the TSR development for Synsam's shareholders is lower than the median (the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile) in the Reference Group, no allotment of Performance Shares shall be made which is dependent on the TRS condition. If the TSR development for Synsam's shareholders reaches the median (the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile) in the Reference Group, allotment shall be made of 20 per cent of the Performance Shares dependent on the TRS condition, and if the TSR development for Synsam's shareholders exceeds the median (the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile) in the Reference Group with at least 5 percentage points, allotment shall be made of 100 per cent of the Performance Shares dependent on the TRS condition. Between the minimum and maximum levels, allotment of Performance Shares dependent on the TRS condition shall be proportioned linearly.

#### Re-calculation

The number of Performance Shares that each Performance Share Award entitles to shall be re-calculated by reason of dividends, if any, resolved after the determination of the initial number of Performance Shares that each Performance Share Award shall entitle to. Additional Performance Shares that may come to be allotted by reason of such re-calculation are hereinafter referred to as "**Dividend Compensation Shares**".

Further to what is set out above, the number of Performance Shares each Performance Share Award entitle to shall also be re-calculated in case of other intermediate corporate events such as e.g. bonus issues, splits, preferential rights issues and/or similar.

#### Other

If there are significant changes in the Synsam group or on the market which, according to the board of directors' assessment, would entail that the conditions for allotment of Performance Shares are no longer reasonable, the board of directors shall be entitled to adjust the conditions for LTIP 2022, including, *inter alia*, a right to resolve upon reduced allotment of Performance Shares or that no Performance Shares shall be granted at all.

The board of directors shall be entitled to establish the detailed terms and conditions for LTIP 2022. In connection thereto, the board of directors shall be entitled to make necessary adjustments to satisfy rules, regulations or market conditions abroad.

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<sup>1</sup> The Reference Group is comprised of the following companies, in addition to Synsam: EssilorLuxottica, Fielmann, Mister Spex, National Vision, Warby Parker, Clas Ohlson, Mekonomen, Axfood, Byggmax and Hova.

Participation in LTIP 2022 is conditional upon that such participation is legally possible in the jurisdictions concerned and that, in the opinion of the board of directors, participation may be made at reasonable administrative costs and financial efforts.

LTIP 2022 may come to include a maximum of 945,000 shares in Synsam, corresponding to 0.63 per cent of outstanding shares as per the date of this proposal, of which 858,000 shares constitute Performance Shares and 87,000 shares constitute Dividend Compensation Shares (with reservation for re-calculation in accordance with what is set out under "*Re-calculation*" below).

### Costs

LTIP 2022 is expected to entail costs calculated in accordance with the accounting standard IFRS 2, which are reported in the income statement and accrued over the Vesting Period, as well as costs for social security charges. The costs for LTIP 2022 shall be seen in relation to the total personnel costs within Synsam group, which during the financial year 2021 amounted to approximately SEK 1,823 million.

### *Example A*

The total costs for LTIP 2022 calculated in accordance with the accounting standard IFRS 2 (excluding the costs for social security charges) are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 25.9 million during the term of the program. The estimated costs have, among others, been calculated based on the following assumptions: (i) a market price of the Synsam share of SEK 64.01 at the time of allotment of Performance Share Awards, (ii) dividends in line with consensus estimates, (iii) an assessed fulfilment of market related performance conditions (TSR) based on statistic data, (iv) that LTIP 2022 will include 80 participants whereof 20 participants in Group A1, 40 participants in Group A2 and 20 participants in Group A3, (v) an average target fulfillment of non-market related performance conditions of 50 per cent and (vi) a staff turnover among the participants in LTIP 2022 of 10 per cent during the term of the program.

The costs for social security charges, which are expected to arise in connection with the grant of Performance Shares after the end of the Vesting Period, are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 10.7 million, based, among others, on the assumptions listed under items (i)–(vi) in the previous paragraph, an assumed annual increase in the price of the Synsam share of 10 per cent during the Vesting Period and an assumption that the social security charges will in average correspond to 31.42 per cent of the value of the Performance Shares at the time of grant.

Based on the assumptions set out above, the total costs for LTIP 2022 (including social security costs) are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 36.6 million during the term of the program.

### *Example B*

The maximum costs for LTIP 2022 (including social security charges) are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 77.5 million, assuming a staff turnover among the participants in LTIP 2022 of 0 per cent during the term of the program, an average target fulfillment of the set performance conditions of 100 per cent (entailing a maximum allotment of Performance Shares) as well as an assumed annual increase in the price of the Synsam share of 25 per cent during the Vesting Period (but otherwise under the same assumptions as set out under "*Costs*" – "*Example A*" above). In such scenario, the value for Synsam's shareholders would have increased with SEK 5,228 million.

### Hedging arrangements

To be able to implement LTIP 2022 in a cost-efficient and flexible manner, the board of directors has considered different methods for securing delivery of shares to participants in the program. The board of directors has thereupon found that the most cost-efficient alternative would be, and thus proposes that the general meeting resolves upon, an authorization for the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions of own shares and upon transfers, free of charge, of own shares to participants in LTIP 2022. More detailed terms and conditions for the board of directors' main alternative are set out under item B. below.

The board of directors has resolved not to propose that the annual general meeting 2022 resolves upon any authorization for the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions of own shares in order to secure liquidity for payments of social security charges by reason of LTIP 2022.

Should the majority required for item B. below not be reached, the board of directors proposes that Synsam shall instead be able to enter into a share swap agreement with a third party, in accordance with item C. below.

### Dilution

Neither of the hedging alternatives proposed by the board of directors (in accordance with what is set out under "*Hedging arrangements*" above as well as under items B. and C. below) will give rise to any increases in the number of shares in the Company and, accordingly, no dilutive effect will occur for existing shareholders by reason of LTIP 2022.

### Other outstanding incentive programs

There are currently no outstanding long-term share-related incentive programs in Synsam.

### Board of directors' participation

The general rule according to the Rules on Remuneration of the Board and Executive Management and on Incentive Programmes that have been adopted by the Swedish Corporate Governance Board (the "**Remuneration Rules**"), which express what shall be deemed as good practices on the Swedish securities market in respect of remuneration to senior executives as well as share and share-related incentive programs, is that board members shall not participate in incentive programs directed to the senior management or other employees unless special reasons are at hand. One such special reason is that the board member is operative in the company in the same way as an employee. According to the Remuneration Rules and general principles regarding conflicts of interest, an individual included in an incentive program shall have no significant influence over the final structure of the program. Synsam's CEO Håkan Lundstedt, who is also a board member of the company, will be offered to participate in LTIP 2022. Håkan Lundstedt will be offered to participate in LTIP 2022 in capacity as a member of the company's group management, and he neither has or will participate in the preparation of or decisions related to the incentive program. In light of the aforesaid, the board of directors (excluding Håkan Lundstedt) is of the opinion that there are no obstacles against Håkan Lundstedt participating in LTIP 2022.

### Motivation in respect of vesting and exercise conditions

According to the Remuneration Rules, the vesting period within the frame of share-related incentive programs, or the period between the effective date of an agreement providing a right to be granted a share and the date that such share may be received, shall as a general rule not be less than three years. As set out above, the board of directors proposes that the Vesting Period shall run over two years and that vested Performance Shares shall be granted after the end of the Vesting Period. The reason for applying such conditions is that, by reason of the company's listing on Nasdaq Stockholm, no new long-term incentive programs were

established in 2021 and that new participants were neither included in previously established incentive programs of the company. On that basis, the company's board of directors deems that it is reasonable, and of importance in order to motivate and maintain competent staff in the Synsam group, that the Vesting Period in LTIP 2022 does not exceed two years and that shares may be granted after the end of the Vesting Period. In the view of the board of directors it is therefore in the company's and the shareholders' best interests to apply the terms at hand within the frame of LTIP 2022. Furthermore, the board of directors' intention is to, within the frame of future, annually recurring long-term incentive programs, follow the recommendations according to the Remuneration Rules as regards the period between the effective date of an agreement providing a right to be granted a share and the date that such share may be received, unless special reasons are at hand.

#### Preparation of the proposal

The remuneration committee of Synsam has, in consultation with external advisers, prepared comprehensive guidelines for LTIP 2022. These guidelines, as well as this resolution proposal, have been presented for and adopted by the board of directors (excluding Håkan Lundstedt).

### **Hedging arrangements by reason of LTIP 2022**

#### **B. Acquisitions and transfers of own shares**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves to authorize the board of directors to resolve upon acquisitions of own shares by reason of LTIP 2022 in accordance with the following main terms and conditions:

1. Acquisitions of shares may only be made on Nasdaq Stockholm.
2. Acquisitions may be made of not more than 945,000 shares.
3. The authorization may be exercised at one or more occasions before the next annual general meeting.
4. Repurchases of the company's own shares on Nasdaq Stockholm may only be effectuated at a price within the range between the highest bid price and lowest ask price at any given time.
5. Payment for the shares shall be made in cash.

Furthermore, the board of directors proposes that the general meeting resolves to transfer own shares by reason of LTIP 2022 in accordance with the following main terms and conditions:

1. Transfers may be made of not more than 945,000 shares.
2. The right to receive transferred shares shall, with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, vest in the participants of LTIP 2022, with the right for each participant to acquire a maximum number of shares as follows from the terms and conditions of LTIP 2022.
3. Transfers of shares to participants shall be made without consideration at such point in time, and otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions, as follows from the terms and conditions of LTIP 2022.
4. The number of shares that may come to be allotted within the frame of LTIP 2022 is subject to recalculation in the event of certain corporate events that may be resolved upon/effectuated after the date of this proposal, such as e.g. dividends, bonus issues, splits, preferential rights issues and/or similar.

The purpose of this proposal is to secure delivery of shares to the participants of LTIP 2022.

The company does not hold any own shares as per the date of this proposal.

### **C. Share swap agreements with third party**

The board of directors proposes that the general meeting, should the required majority for item B. above not be reached, resolves to secure delivery of shares to participants in LTIP 2022 by approving that Synsam enters into a share swap agreement with a third party on market terms, whereby the third party shall in its own name be able to acquire and transfer shares in Synsam to the participants of LTIP 2022 or otherwise.

#### **Number of shares and votes**

As per the date of the announcement of this notice, the total number of shares and votes in the company amounts to 150,000,000. All shares are of the same class and each share entitles to one vote at the general meetings. The company does not hold any of its own shares.

#### **Information at the general meeting**

According to Chapter 7, Section 32 of the Swedish Companies Act, the board of directors and the CEO must, if any shareholder so requests and the board of directors deems that it can be made without material damage to the company, provide information at the general meeting regarding circumstances which may affect the assessment of a matter on the agenda and on circumstances which may affect the company's economic situation. This duty to provide information also include the company's relation to other group companies, the consolidated financial statement and such circumstances regarding subsidiaries which are set out in the foregoing sentence. Those wishing to submit questions in advance may do so by email to: [arsstamma@synsam.com](mailto:arsstamma@synsam.com) or by post to: Synsam AB, Attn. "Annual General Meeting", P.O. box 301 53, SE-104 25 Stockholm, Sweden.

#### **Documentation**

The annual report and the auditor's report will be kept available at the company's premises at Sankt Eriksgatan 60 in Stockholm, Sweden, and at the company's website [www.synsamgroup.com](http://www.synsamgroup.com), from Wednesday, 30 March 2022. Other documentation that shall be kept available before the general meeting will be available in the same order no later than from Tuesday, 5 April 2022. Said documentation, as well as this notice, will also be sent by post free of charge to shareholders who so requests and who provide their postal address.

#### **Processing of personal data**

For information on how your personal data is processed in connection with the general meeting, see <https://www.euroclear.com/dam/ESw/Legal/Privacy-notice-bolagsstammor-engelska.pdf>.

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Stockholm in March 2022  
Synsam AB (publ)  
The board of directors

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